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SUBJECT: GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CANDIDACY FOR POST
OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL

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IN CONVERSATION WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ARNOLD SMITH,
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL, ON OCTOBER 7, EMBOFF WAS
TOLD THAT SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, FOREIGN MINISTER OF GUYANA,
IS VERY MUCH THE FRONT RUNNER TO SUCCEED CANADIAN ARNOLD
SMITH AS COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL. RAMPHAL, AC-
CORDING TO SOURCE, WAS NOMINATED BY HIS GOVERNMENT AND
HAS PRETTY WELL BEEN ACCEPTED BY MOST COMMONWEALTH MEM-
BERS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, AN ADMINISTRATIVE HIATUS AT
THE MOMENT, AS ARNOLD SMITH HAS NOT YET CARRIED OUT THE
NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS. NORMALLY, SENIOR HEAD OF GOV-
ERNMENT WOULD DO THIS. HOWEVER, PRESENT SENIOR HEAD OF
GOVERNMENT, MAKARIOS, HAS APPARENTLY NOT PASSED OUT RE-
SULTS OF HIS FINDINGS PRIOR TO HIS OVERTHROW. ERIC
WILLIAMS AND PRES.
NYERERE, AS REPORTED REFTEL, IS NEXT
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AFTER MAKARIOS IN SENIORITY. SOURCE IMPLIED THAT SMITH

NOT PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO CONSULT WITH WILLIAMS ON
THIS MATTER.

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